

Customer No. 28596
Attorney Docket No. MI/228

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Allen et al.) Group Art Unit: 2837
Serial No.: 10/713,699) Examiner: Kimberly R. Lockett
) Conf. No.: 3159
Filed: November 14, 2003)
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For: Improved Strings for Musical)
<u>Instruments</u>)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on August 23, 2006, please
amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins
on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.